



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by President Clem

Present: Dennis, Kirby, Cheryl, Gail, Lynette, John, Pete, Clem, and Lori. Visitor: Betty Braker from U of I.

Secretary report: Minutes reviewed and motion (Cheryl/ 2nd by Dennis) to accept was passed unanimously.

Treasurer report – Dennis – Balance of General Fund \$1056, Donation Fund \$760. The Annual Meeting brought in dues from 2014 of \$30 and 2015 \$20 as well as \$135 donations for the lunch and \$165 from attending guests. Ivano's charged a total of \$651 of which \$200 was paid by Pete (IDFG) and the Chapter picked up the balance of \$151.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Citizen Science (Dave) – absent

Outreach (Lynette)

- FSPW needs volunteers for March 5th Charter School, see announcements on our home page.
- School field trips are scheduled for May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, 29. Volunteer Training will be March 4.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl

- Meeting scheduled for Thursday Feb 12th 1:00pm.

Training Committee – John

- Material has been collected from Karen, John will organize for future use. See later notes for discussion on 2015 Training.

Pete Gardner, IDFG:

Pete asked a question regarding collection of hours and the main contact organization allocations. Sara is developing a drop-down list for members to use. Gail will coordinate.

In regard to the Grant from IFWF, Pete has checked on the budget/funding – the funds can not be transferred to MN directly, they must be spent/allocated through the IDFG system. We will need to keep records and coordinate with Pete on expenditures.

In regard to the September 18-20 Master Naturalist Conference at Harriman State Park, he would be supportive and would consider allowing the use of a IDFG vehicle for carpool to the conference.

Guest - Betty Braker brak8333@vandals.uidaho.edu

Former Coast Guard and Peace Corps member. She is working on invasive asian clams in Lake Pend Oreille in Hope. In 2012 divers found clams near the Hope Marina. Dr. Moffit is studying this invasive species and proposing to treat with sodium hydroxide. They are currently applying for a permit and hope to start soon while the lake level is low. Website <http://webpages.uidaho.edu/LPOAsianclams/> is in construction. Hope to recruit volunteers to help with smaller tasks (no heavy lifting!). More information will be posted on our website as it is made available.

Discussion: Are we going to offer a 2015 new member Class? These are brainstorming points:

- Nonrefundable application fee?
- Perhaps offer fall classes
- Advertise during the summer Naturalist on Duty
- Skip 2015 all together?
- How many students do we need to break even? (8-12?)
- Morning, afternoon, or evening? Weekdays or weekends?
- Make Sign-up sheets available at all our upcoming events (KNPS, etc.)
- Maybe arrange joint training with a new CDA Chapter?

Final Recommendation was to develop and recruit students for Fall Classes. We will notify Instructors.

Upcoming Events (please check the website calendar for current events):

- Feb 12, 7:00pm Thursday the Ice Age Floods Institute is sponsoring a presentation by Bruce Bjornstad at the Sandpoint Community Hall
- Our Chapter along with the Native Plant Society will be hosting Jack Nisbet on February 28, 9:45am at the Community Center in Sandpoint.
- March 28, 9:45am at the Sandpoint Community Center KNPS and our Chapter will host 2 members of the Kootenai Native Plant Society speaking about blue camas.

Meeting adjourned 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

Feb 22, Sunday – Becky Reynolds will lead a hike at the Rapid Lightning Creek WMA 10:00am.

Feb 21-22 – Asian Clam Rapid Response will begin! See our calendar and announcements.